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SALT TWO - I
US/USSR Plenary Meeting No. 1
Soviet Mission
1500 Hours, November 21, 1972

Persons Present

Ambassador Smith	Minister Semenov
Ambassador Farley	General Trusov
Mr. Nitze	Mr. Shchukin
General Allison	Mr. Pleshakov
Dr. Garthoff	Mr. Grinevsky
Mr. Graybeal	Mr. Chulitsky
Mr. Stoertz	Mr. Skoptsov
Mr. Shaw	General Beletsky
Dr. Weiler	Mr. Karpov
Mr. Earle	Mr. Smolin
Capt. Matthes	Mr. Mazerkin
Mr. Jones	Mr. Masterkov
Mr. Zemach	Col. Starodubov
Col. L.J. Fitzgerald	Mr. Turalin
Mr. Krimer (Interpreter)	Mr. Bratchikov (Interpreter)
Mr. Arensbarger (Interpreter)	Mr. Kochetkov (Interpreter)

Minister Semenov opened this first meeting of SALT Two by welcoming Ambassador Smith and the members of the U.S. Delegation to the Soviet Mission. He noted that we were embarking on a new stage of SALT in accordance with agreements reached by our respective heads of government. He then gave the floor to Ambassador Smith.

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Ambassador Smith said that before making his prepared statement he wished to read a letter he had received from President Nixon. He advised that the letter would be released to the press in Washington at 1700 hours today.

Ambassador Smith read President Nixon's letter and his own prepared statement.

Minister Semenov stated that he followed with great interest both the letter from President Nixon and Ambassador Smith's statement. The USSR Delegation would give the statement the attention it deserved. Before launching into his prepared statement, Minister Semenov expressed the hope that our common effort would be fruitful and that the results of SALT Two would meet the hopes of the peoples of the United States, the Soviet Union and all freedom-loving nations of the world.

Minister Semenov delivered his prepared statement.

Ambassador Smith noted that the U.S. Delegation would give the Soviet statement careful study. He had no further comment.

Minister Semenov asked about the next meeting. He proposed a Plenary at the U.S. Mission at 1100 hours on 24 November.

Ambassador Smith accepted this proposal.

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